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[54] **DISTRIBUTED STORAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM HAVING A CACHE SERVER AND METHOD THEREFOR**

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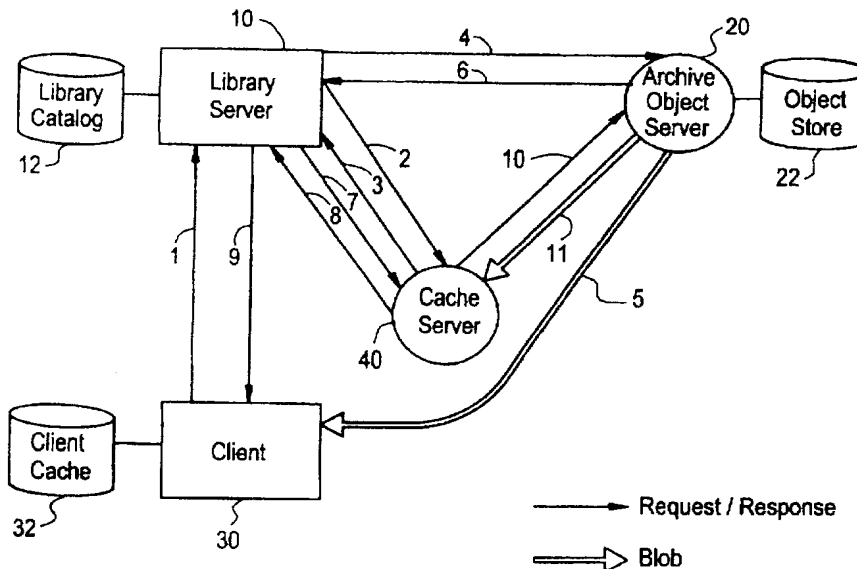
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed to a method and system for storing and managing objects, such as binary large objects (blobs) in a digital library system which includes a plurality of clients, an object server for storing an object, a cache server for storing a copy of the object, and a centralized server for storing information identifying the object as being stored in the object server and associating one or more of the clients with the cache server, in which one of the clients, as a requesting client, requests retrieval of an object, a copy of the requested object is sent from the cache server to the requesting client if the object is stored in said cache server, and a copy of said object is sent from the object server to said requesting client if the object is not stored in the cache server; and a copy of the requested object is sent from the object server to the cache server after the object server sends the object to the client, in which the object sent to the client is made available to the client regardless of whether sending of the copy of the object to the cache server is completed.

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[54] **PROCESS FOR OPTIMIZING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A HYPERTEXT ELEMENT**

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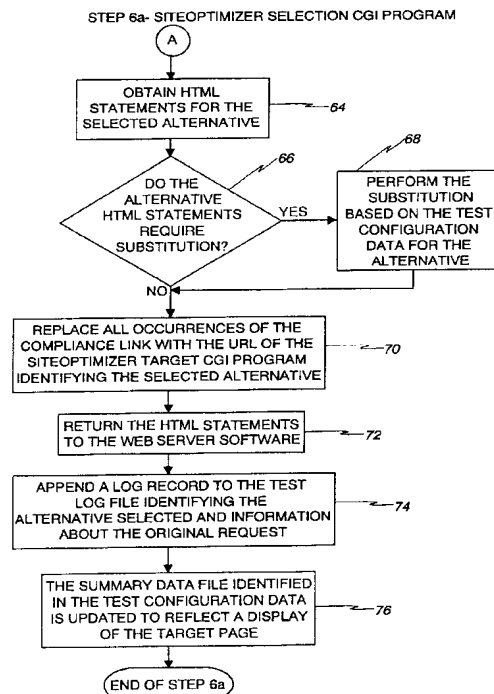
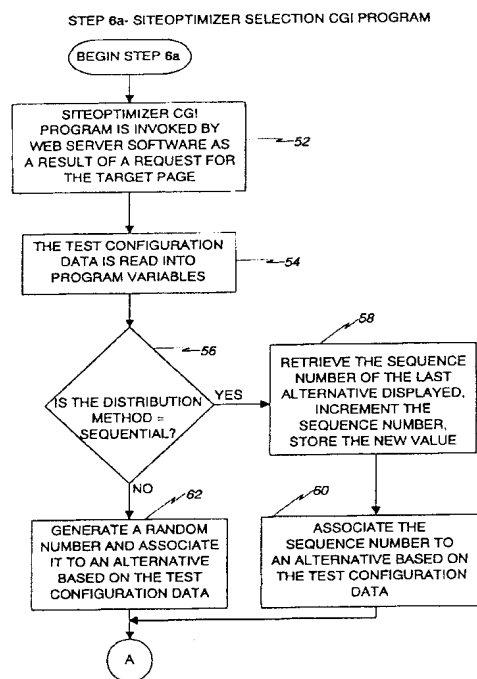
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A process for optimizing the effectiveness of a web site analyzes various hypertext variables of hypertext documents formed from Hyper Text Mark-up Language (HTML) to identify weak links in order to improve compliances with the business objective for the web site. A plurality of alternate hypertext documents are created and placed in parallel paths relative to the original hypertext document according to a predetermined distribution pattern which may be sequential, equal distribution or random distribution, for example. Accesses to the web site are redirected to the alternative hypertext elements transparently. Access logs for each of the alternative hypertext documents are analyzed to determine the most effective alternative hypertext document, according to a predetermined criteria. The most effective hypertext element is then substituted for the original hypertext element in order to improve the effectiveness of the web site.

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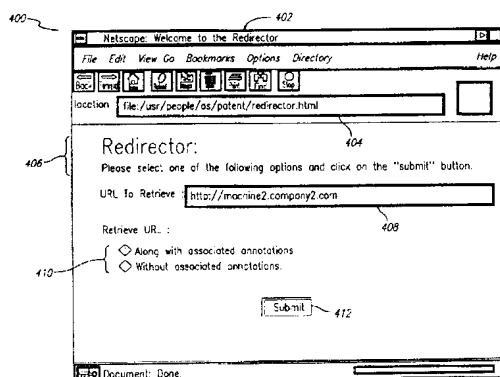
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[57] ABSTRACT

A general purpose system and method for associating annotations, modifications, or other information with a web-viewable document is disclosed. An embodiment of the system and method includes the use of a "redirector." A user attempting to access a document at a particular web address, sends a request to view the document to that address. The request is intercepted by the redirector which, in turn, requests the document on behalf of the user. The redirector modifies the document and returns the modified document for viewing by the user. The modifications may include, for example, various comments or annotations to the original web-viewable document. According to the invention, such customized documents may be presented to the user without modification of commercially available browser and/or server software.

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(54) **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
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Methods and apparatus for enabling collaboration with web
pages and other resources is described. A method includes
the step of establishing a collaboration session between a
first client and a second client. A requested resource is
cached with the session host in response to a request having
a first uniform resource locator (URL) issued by the first
client, if the requested resource is a pre-determined type of
resource. A second URL is provided to the second client. The
second URL identifies the requested resource or the cached
resource in accordance with whether the requested resource
is cached. Apparatus for enabling collaboration includes a
web server, a cache, and a filter. The web server provides a
requested web page in response to a first client's request.
The filter stores the requested web page in the cache, if the
requested web page is a pre-determined type of web page. A
number of pre-determined characteristics for caching are
described in various embodiments of the methods and
apparatus. In one embodiment, the requested resource is
cached if it is a dynamic web page. In one embodiment an
expiration date of the requested resource determines whether
the requested resource should be cached. In another
embodiment, a filename associated with the requested
resource determines whether the requested resource should
be cached. In another embodiment, components of the
request determine whether the requested web page should be
cached.

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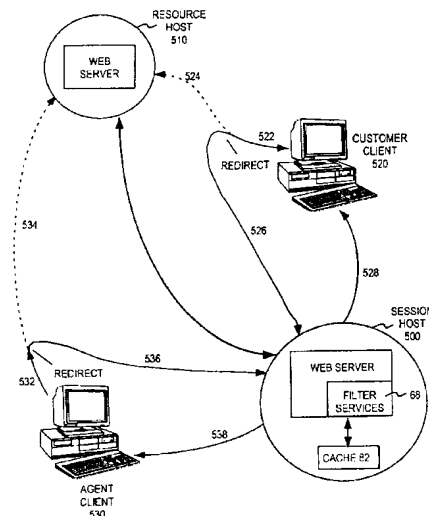
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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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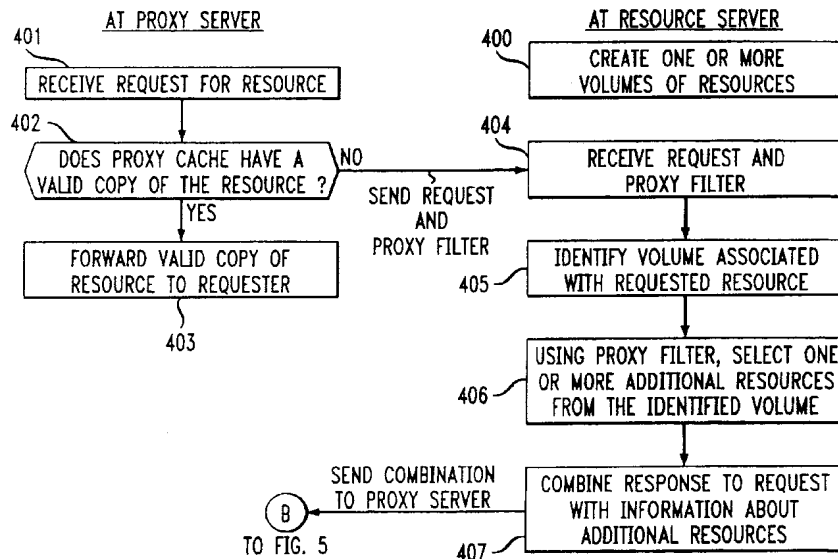
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus provide improved cache coherency and more effective caching operations without placing an undue burden on network links. A proxy receives a request for a resource and then, depending on information in the proxy cache, generates a resource request for transmission to a resource server. The proxy appends a proxy filter to the request. The resource server maintains one or more volumes of resources based on some predetermined criterion that can be either static or dynamic in nature. Upon receipt of the request and the proxy filter the resource server generates a request response and a piggybacked list of additional resources selected from the volume with which the requested resource is associated.

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(54) **INTEGRATED PROXY INTERFACE FOR
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MANAGEMENT TOOLS**

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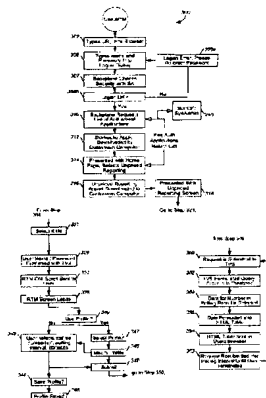
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A Web/Internet based monitoring system provides a com-
mon GUI enabling the requesting and real-time viewing of
telecommunication network traffic and statistical data per-
taining to a customer's telecommunication network. Such a
monitoring system includes: a client browser application
located at a client workstation for enabling interactive Web
based communications between a customer and the moni-
toring system; at least one secure server for managing client
sessions over the Internet via one or more secure connec-
tions; a device for generating statistical data based on
real-time call data obtained from a telecommunication
network, the statistical data being generated according to a
pre-defined user profile; a mechanism for periodically
retrieving the statistical data according to the user profile
and for integrating the retrieved statistical data within a Web
page for presentation to the user over a secure socket
connection at pre-defined intervals. The Web page is updated
to contain the latest generated statistical data each interval.

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(54) **SYSTEM, METHOD, AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR WIRELESS ENABLEMENT OF THE WORLD WIDE WEB USING A WIRELESS GATEWAY**

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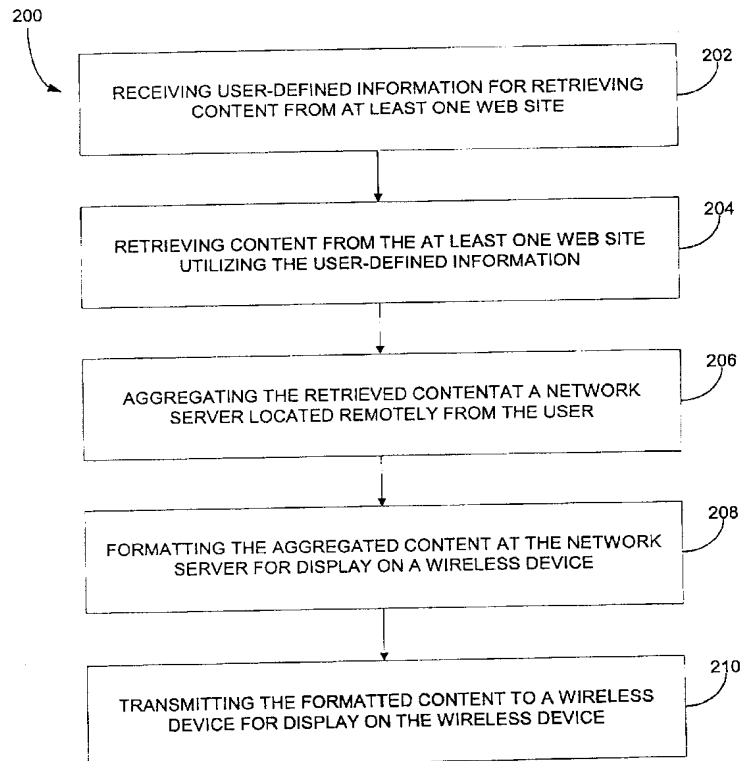
A system, method and article of manufacture are provided for selection and formatting of web content for remote viewing. User-defined information is received and used to retrieve content from one or more web sites. The retrieved content is aggregated at a network server located remotely from the user. The aggregated content is formatted at the network server for display on a wireless device. The formatted content is transmitted to a wireless device for display on the wireless device.

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(54) **DATA WAREHOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR WEB BASED REPORTING TOOL**

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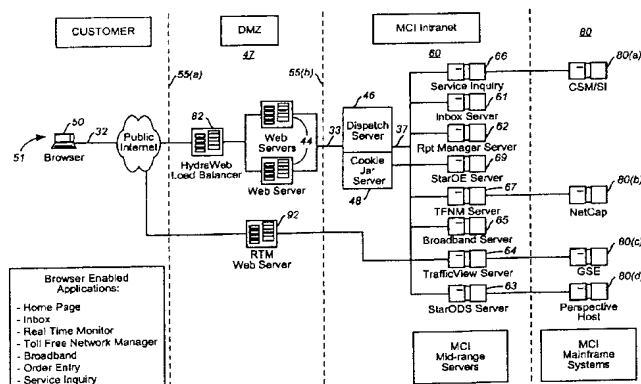
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A data warehousing infrastructure for telecommunications
priced call detail data is integrated with a Web/Internet based
reporting system providing a common GUI enabling the
requesting, customizing, scheduling and viewing of various
types of priced call detail data reports. Such an infrastructure
performs an extraction process to obtain only those billing
detail records of entitled customers, and a harvesting process
for transforming the billing records into a star schema
format for storage in one or more operational data storage
devices. The system is integrated with a database server
supporting expedient and accurate access to the customer's
telecommunications priced call detail data for priced call
detail data report generation.

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(54) **SYSTEM, METHOD, APPARATUS AND
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OPERATING A WEB SITE BY ELECTRONIC
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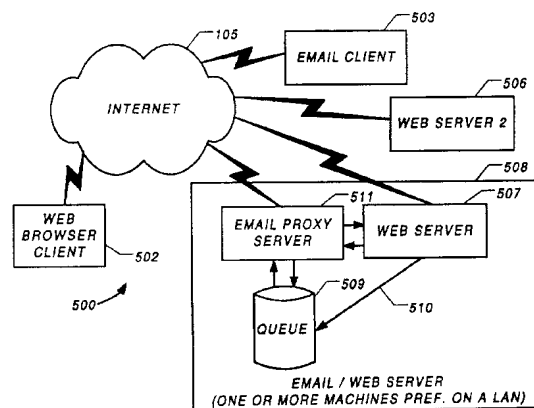
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Method, product, and apparatus of operating one or more
Web pages by email. One embodiment of the method
includes sending a first Web page to a first email address via
a computer network as a first email message. The sent first
Web page may include one or more of links or forms for
further interaction, and is in a format consistent with an
email environment such that the Web page is directly
operable in an email browser of the environment. A user
receiving the first email containing the first Web page may
respond by operating the received first Web page, and this
response may lead to a second email message that includes
a URL request or form data being sent by the user to a
second email address via the computer network. The method
further includes retrieving the second email message, inter-
preting the URL request or form data of the retrieved second
email message, retrieving a second Web page from a Web
server connected to the computer network in accordance
with the interpreted URL request or form data, and transcod-
ing the retrieved second Web page from a Web browser
format to a third format consistent with one or more prop-
erties of a second email environment.

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(54) **EDGE ADAPTER APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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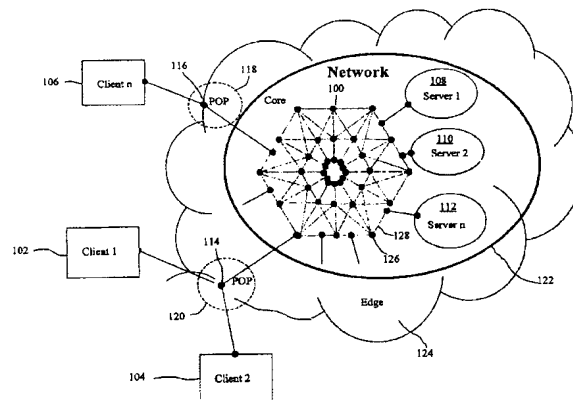
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An apparatus and method for enhancing the infrastructure of a network such as the Internet is disclosed. A packet interceptor/processor apparatus is coupled with the network so as to be able to intercept and process packets flowing over the network. Further, the apparatus provides external connectivity to other devices that wish to intercept packets as well. The apparatus applies one or more rules to the intercepted packets which execute one or more functions on a dynamically specified portion of the packet and take one or more actions with the packets. The apparatus is capable of analyzing any portion of the packet including the header and payload. Actions include releasing the packet unmodified, deleting the packet, modifying the packet, logging/storing information about the packet or forwarding the packet to an external device for subsequent processing. Further, the rules may be dynamically modified by the external devices.

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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZED STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF DATA ON A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER NETWORK**

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(57) ABSTRACT

A system and method for the optimized storage and retrieval of video data at distributed sites calls for the deployment of "Smart Mirror" sites throughout a network, each of which maintains a copy of certain data managed by the system. Every user is assigned to a specific delivery site based on an analysis of network performance with respect to each of the available delivery sites. Generalized network performance data is collected and stored to facilitate the selection of additional delivery sites and to ensure the preservation of improved performance in comparison to traditional networks.

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